

REPRISALS LIKE STATE OF WAR OVER IRELAND

Sir Nevill Macready PUTS UP

**Strong Defence of His
Troops.**

ENRAGED BY SINN FEIN

**Angered by Killing of Com-
rades Men Cast Aside
Discipline.**

HAD SALUTARY EFFECT

**Attacks of Government Forces
Diminish, but Troops Will
Be Restrained.**

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LONDON, Sept. 30.—The British Cabinet to-night heard the report of Gen. Sir Nevill Macready, commanding the Government forces in Ireland, on the reprisals committed in that island recently. While there was no official indication how his report was received, it can be said that Sir Nevill put up a strong defence of his troops. At the same time he promised the utmost steps consistent with discipline to prevent promiscuous burnings. He made a strong case in defence of his men, emphasizing that they were distraught to the last degree by the unpunished killing of their comrades.

Whether or not Sir Nevill told the Cabinet, it also is certain that he had in his possession figures to show that the reprisals in Ireland have cut down the attacks on the police and other forces of the Government. Reprisals in this sense are not understood to mean promiscuous burnings, but forthright and deadly vengeance against individuals whom the secret service department knows are involved in Sinn Fein activities.

In a State of War.

The attitude of certain officials here is that the Sinn Fein declared war, and that the only thing to do is to take up the gauntlet and wage just the sort of war they have declared. But promiscuous burnings of private property are not included in that.

It is understood that Sir Nevill admitted that in Balbriggan, for instance, the men were seeking certain individuals they knew were responsible for the killing of Inspector Burke and that they got out of hand and went wild. He promised to do his utmost to check this phase of the situation.

The reception of Viscount Grey's letter, divided on almost strict partisan lines, most papers deploring it as a proposed surrender, the Morning Post topping this sentiment with:

"What are called reprisals have done more to discourage the Irish rebels than all the acts of Parliament, with the Lord Chancellor's tremendous speeches on top. But of course if the Irish rebellion suits the purposes of British party politics it must go on."

Viscount Grey, we observe proposes to allow two years more for rebellion, after which Great Britain is to retire altogether from Ireland. Good news for the Sinn Fein and how thoroughly Aquinian?

In view of the partisan division of sentiment, it seems most likely that Gen. Sir Nevill Macready will fly back to Ireland—the Commander-in-Chief generally travels by air nowadays—with the backing of the Government and will go on the best way possible until the fighting heart of the Sinn Fein is torn out.

Although Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, denied that the Government connives in these reprisals, the correspondent of THE NEW YORK HERALD is in a position to state that when the Government adopted its policy

of repression in Ireland last July there was much talk in Government circles to the effect that "if they want war, we will give it to them." Also that the Intelligence Department in Dublin sent reports to London within the last week indicating a reduction in the number of raids by the Sinn Fein against police barracks in Ireland, as well as fewer raids on post offices and mail transports and other Sinn Fein activities. In certain official quarters these figures were stressed as proving the efficiency of the reprisals that have occurred, whether or not the connivance of the Government or not.

Urging Premier to Stand Firm.

These figures also are being used in the argument to Premier Lloyd George to stand firm until the Government's stern policy of dealing with the Irish situation has had its full effect.

It is admitted in official circles that when they could not get Irish recruits the constabulary had to take what was offered, which constituted some of the wildest spirits in the military service when the army was demobilized—spirits such as are found in any army. The Government seems determined, however, to go on with such tools as it finds available in order to break down the militant Sinn Fein, who are demanding independence before talking of settlement.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The Daily News, which is the most favorable commentator on Viscount Grey's Irish plan, says:

"There is nothing in the proposals which an Englishman ought not to be glad to endorse if he can thereby free himself from the intolerable discredit for what is happening in Ireland, nor anything which a patriotic Irishman should be unwilling to accept if thereby he can free his country from the miseries in which she is plunged. The scheme means abandonment by Ireland of its claim to absolute independence and surrender by Englishmen of the doctrine of the integrity of the United Kingdom, but the sacrifice in neither case is a real one."

The Times says: "Fifteen months ago the Cabinet might have solved the Irish problem by a bold, swift stroke. Now nothing short of some policy of the kind Viscount Grey suggests can lead to a settlement."

The Daily Telegraph calls the proposals nebulous and says: "It is quite certain the Irish would not compose their differences in two years or many years and our withdrawal would simply mean that we leave them to fight it out among themselves. . . . There is no guidance in such thought-out programmes."

The Chronicle thinks the weakness of the scheme is that it tries to combine irreconcilables and argues that withdrawal of the civil administration would be incompatible with retention of diplomatic and military control.

**MACSWINEY VERY WEAK,
BUT HAS BRIGHTER DAY**

**Slight Daily Deterioration
Only Is Noticeable.**

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The bulletins issued by the Irish Self-Determination League show that after a brighter day Lord Mayor MacSwiney suffered from sudden weakness at 8 o'clock to-night, after which he slept.

The Lord Mayor slept from 9:30 o'clock last night until 12:30 o'clock this morning. He seemed somewhat refreshed this morning, but was extremely weak.

The report to the Home Office said: "Nothing more than a slight daily deterioration is noticeable."

QUEENSTOWN BAN LAWFUL.

**Britain Within Rights in Closing
Port, Officials Say.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—State Department officials hold that Great Britain is well within her rights in closing the port of Queenstown to transatlantic vessels. The opinion was elicited by the report that passengers aboard the American steamship Panhandle State had prepared a protest to the department because that vessel was not permitted to enter Queenstown harbor.

The British order, it was stated, neither involves the question of freedom of the seas nor violates any international rights. It was said that in case of congestion or strike in an American port the United States could close the port and order vessels destined there to put in at some other harbor.

The protest reported to have been prepared by the passengers of the Panhandle State has not been received at the department, officials said.

DELEGATES AT RIGA LACK PEACE POWER

**Poles Must Report to Prince
Sapieha and Russians
to Moscow.**

By the Associated Press.

RIGA, Sept. 30.—The Russo-Polish peace conference was at a standstill today awaiting the Polish reply to the seventeen Soviet proposals which the Polish delegation has communicated to Warsaw. Meanwhile the Polish delegation is uncertain whether the proposals are acceptable, although the unofficial view is that the Poles will not accept the proposed boundary.

It is apparent Prince Sapieha, Foreign Minister, is the real head of the Polish delegation and M. Dombiski and the other members of the Polish delegation virtually are unable to conduct the negotiations without communicating each important step taken to Warsaw. As the Moscow Government is virtually making Adolph Joffe, head of the Soviet delegation, a figurehead, if peace comes it will be a Warsaw-Moscow arrangement, instead of being arrived at in Riga.

The rapid advances along the eastern front by the Polish armies may result in a delay of the proceedings, as the Poles seem to consider the line of demarcation between Poland, White Russia and the Ukraine as of prime importance. Polish forces are reported near Vilna, the control of which is desired by Poland before the pursuit of the retreating Bolsheviks is halted.

Nearly every day brings some new delegation to Riga seeking to present claims for self-determination for their countries and urging President Wilson's fourteen points as the reason why they must be heard. A delegation of East Galicians, headed by Dr. Kost Lewitaky and claiming to represent the National Council of Eastern Galicia, are the latest applicants for a hearing before the conference takes its final decisions.

Estonia, Finland and all the Scandinavian countries, although not directly concerned in the peace conference, have delegations here watching the proceedings because of the general bearing on the Bolshevik situation and the commercial future of the States bordering on the Baltic.

The permanent Council of the Baltic Union, consisting of the five Baltic States—Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland—which has its headquarters in Riga, also is watching the conference carefully. While this union is largely theoretical as yet, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania apparently are supporting it heartily as a possible safeguard against Bolshevik domination, while Poland and Finland are declared to be lukewarm, although ready to participate more actively in it if the organization shows strength. It is asserted here that, owing to alleged distrust and hatreds among the five Baltic States, taken together with the language and cultural differences, the promoters of the union are having a difficult task.

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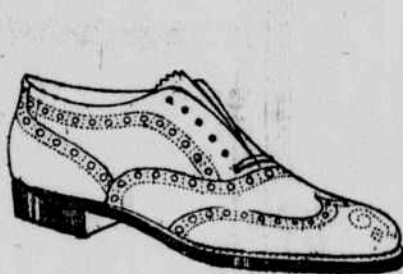
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